

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

(Vacancy **not** currently advertised)

Position Title: Fire Management Specialist (Zone Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist)

Position Grade: GS-462-9 (corrected)

Organization: Gunflint Ranger District / Fire

Duty Station: Grand Marais or Tofte, MN

Reply by April 5, 2011

The Superior National Forest (SNF) will soon be advertising to fill the position above. The annual salary range is **\$47,448 - \$61,678** annually. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the [Outreach Notice Reply Form](#) at the end of this document.

Contact Information

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working in Grand Marais, Minnesota. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures the way of life living in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

Patty Johnson (pjohnson@fs.fed.us or 218-387-3230) would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

Position Description

The position is a Zone Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist position. This is a secondary firefighter position. The incumbent has program responsibility for prescribed fire and fuels management. Primary responsibilities of the position are serving as a member of interdisciplinary planning teams as the fuels specialist, preparing and implementing prescribed fire plans, planning manual and mechanical hazardous fuels treatments and developing and implementing monitoring plans.

The incumbent serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team planning, developing, and implementing project plans, compliance documents, and agreements. As part of the interdisciplinary team, the incumbent provides input and recommends strategies for fuels and fire management. The incumbent also provides assistance to other resource program managers in the design of fuels management prescriptions and implementation plans and on fuels management methods to enhance, restore and protect ecosystems.

The incumbent is responsible for implementing and administering prescribed fire activities, wildland fire use, and fuels management activities to ensure targets are achieved, management objectives are met and mitigation measures are adequate. This includes monitoring fire behavior,

evaluating fire effects, identifying potential problems and taking appropriate action.

The incumbent is represents the organization in multi-agency fuels management activities through serving as the Forest representative on multi-agencies committees including CWPP, Firewise, and MINICS committees.

The incumbent also assists the DFMO in providing leadership in fire management including wildland fire suppression. The incumbent provides professional advice and assistance to meet resource management objectives wildland fire use.

Qualification Requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm)

The Superior National Forest, located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. The northern forest community thrives with its pine, fir, spruce, aspen, and birch trees and is home to numerous wildlife species including eagles, deer, ruffed grouse, gray wolf, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear. Approximately 400-500 wolves roam within the boundaries of Superior National Forest today. Walleye, northern pike, smallmouth and largemouth bass, lake trout, crappies, sunfish, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake can be found in abundance. The Superior provides a diverse habitat for a vast array of species including Canadian lynx and gray wolf which are species on the Federal endangered list and bald eagles which currently on the Forest's sensitive list.

Deer, moose, common loon, black bear and ruffed grouse thrive here also. Minnesota is frequently the nation's top ruffed grouse producer and it is the state's most popular game bird. One of 100 globally important bird areas by the American Bird Conservancy

The Superior is one of the few national forests in the nation where one may harvest wild rice in the traditional way. This generally involves two people, a canoe and the use of two wooden flails.

This is the second largest forest in the National Forest System (NFS) based on gross acreage and eighth for NFS acreage. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

"This is the most beautiful lake country on the continent. We can afford to cherish and protect it...In the end, we turn to nature in a frenzied chaotic world, there to find silence – oneness – wholeness – spiritual release." -----Sigurd Olson/Author

The Superior National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes. Even so, only 12% of the Forest's 3.9 million acres is covered by water. The rest is blanketed by dense, mossy floored forests of pine, spruce, aspen, birch, cedar and tamarack, or saturated by vast bogs and impenetrable swamps. The National Forest hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 back country campsites outside the BWCAW. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of

designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW. The area that is now the BWCAW was established as the Superior Roadless Area in 1938, and became part of the Wilderness system in 1964. Outside of the BWCAW, the Forest has over 2,700 miles of roads.

The Gunflint Ranger District office is in Grand Marais, Minnesota. It is located in Northern Minnesota on the north shore of Lake Superior 120 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota.

More information can be found on the Superior National Forest Employment page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior/employment>

Grand Marais, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior, and is on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest. It has a year-round population of approximately 2500, and is the county seat of Cook County. The town has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. It is a modern population center with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, outfitters, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities, and to complement the natural attractions; a vibrant arts community. The K-12 public school system provides a very good curriculum, including college level courses, and the University of Minnesota has a campus in Duluth. The area is served by airports in Duluth (120 miles), and in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada (90 miles).

The Tofte Ranger District office is located 90 miles northeast of Duluth in the community of Tofte, MN. The District organization includes approximately 25 permanent and 30 temporary employees. The district contains roughly 590,000 acres of National Forest System land, with roughly 150,000 acres located in the BWCAW. Wilderness, recreation, special uses, fire and timber are the primary programs on the district.

Tofte Minnesota is a small picturesque community on the shore of Lake Superior, on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest with a permanent population of approximately 250. The community has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. Services in Tofte include a small market, hardware and variety store, gift store, gas station, and a few restaurants. The closest commercial airport is in Duluth (90 miles).

There are two modern population centers; Grand Marais is 30 miles northeast of Tofte and Silver Bay is 30 miles southwest of Tofte. Silver Bay is serviced with a grocery store, gas stations, restaurants, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city services, and medical facilities.

More information on Grand Marais or Tofte, Minnesota can be found at:

www.boreal.org

<http://www.northshoreinfo.com/>

www.grandmaraismn.com

<http://minnesota.hometownlocator.com/mn/cook/tofte.cfm>

<http://minnesota.hometownlocator.com/mn/cook/grand-marais.cfm>

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Permanent Full-Time Position

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **Patty Johnson** via email to pjohnson@fs.fed.us

Contact Information

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability

Veterans Readjustment

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other _____

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted to USAJobs and AVUE. Applications for this position will be submitted via AVUE at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com>

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest.